

Subject: Update Regarding Former Fire Station 5
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Hi all,

Many neighbors in Westchester have expressed interest in what is happening with the old Fire Station 5 site on Manchester Boulevard, and I'm writing today with a quick update.

BACKGROUND

The former fire station is one of 12 vacant or underutilized city properties throughout the city that the Mayor and City Administrative Officer identified as potential sites for sale, affordable housing, or housing for the formerly homeless.

When the announcement was made, Councilmember Bonin sent a survey to nearby neighborhoods to get early input about the idea. The City Administrative Officer then released a request for proposals from qualified developers, which were returned last month. The City Administrative Officer completed his review of the proposals this week, and made recommendations to the City Council regarding each of the 12 sites.

RECOMMENDATION

After taking into consideration the location of the site, community input, and analysis from developers who would be in charge of working with the community to prepare a proposal for consideration, the City Administrative Officer today released his recommendation for the former Fire Station 5 to be sold to a developer, with the proceeds of the sale going into the affordable housing trust fund, which is used to build affordable housing throughout Los Angeles.

The next step is for the City Council to consider the CAO's recommendation. If the Council approves, the former fire station will not be one of the sites developed into housing for the formerly homeless. Instead, the site could be sold to a developer, which would have an opportunity to build something consistent and in-character with the surrounding neighborhood; or the city could decide to use it for another community-serving use. As with any development proposal in LA, any plans for the site would be thoroughly reviewed by the community, neighborhood council, planning commission and City Council before anything could be built. We will keep you in the loop as any proposals are made.

Thank you for your interest in this project and for sharing this information with your neighbors. Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,

Anna

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